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SUBJECT: W/W (ARRESTS): INTERPRETATION OF MEXICAN SUPREME
COURT DECISION ON NARCOTICS IMPORTATION AND AMCIT PRISONERS
HOPES

REF: (A) MEXICO 10968 DECEMBER 11, 1975; (B) MEXICO 02196
FEBRUARY 19, 1976

1. REFERENCE (A) PROMISED FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF SITU-
ATION CREATED BY MEXICAN SUPREME COURT DECISION ON NARCOTICS
IMPORTATION CHARGE AS IT MIGHT RELATE TO AMCIT PRISONERS
CONVICTED IN APPARENTLY SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. REFERENCE
(B) INDICATES THAT WOMEN PRISONERS AT LOS REYES CONTINUE
"EXTREMELY HOPEFUL THAT PRECEDENT OF RECENT RELEASE OF AN
AUSTRALIAN ... ARRESTED IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES, WILL
EVENTUALLY BENEFIT THEM ALSO."

2. HAS EMBASSY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING FURTHER
CLARIFICATION OR INTERPRETATION SUPREME COURT DECISION
AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR AMCITS? WHILE WE ARE
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NOT SEEKING TO PUT PRESSURE ON GOM TO RELEASE PRISONERS,

WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE STEPS NOW TO CLARIFY SITUATION AND SO ADVISE AMCIT PRISONERS OF FACTS RATHER THAN ALLOW THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES TO BE ARTIFICALLY BUOYED UP BY AN ESSENTIALLY FORLORN HOPE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT SOONEST ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND ACTION TAKEN THEREON. INGERSOLL

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